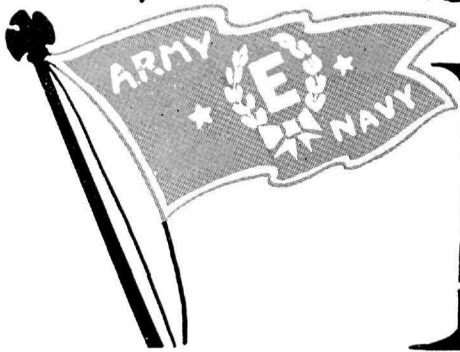


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GROWING NUMBER OF SPRAGUE GOLD HEROES AS V-DAY DRAWS NEAR



Edward L. Moreau, Jr., 1-c Petty Officer -- son of Lena and Edward, both of Paper Rolling Dept. Edward Jr. has served in the Navy for the past four years.

Thank You Letters Continue to Pour In

Their message is the same -- Gratefulness for the small service we render in contributing our dimes (or dollars) to the Cigarette Fund.

Italy, 8-20-24

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Just a short letter from an old vet to thank you for a package of cigarettes you contributed. Overseas, you may rest assured all of the smokes you donate go to the boys who are hospitalized, and none are ever charged for. I am thanking you for those I received myself after being evacuated from Anzio last March.

It may interest you to know I am the oldest G.I. in the army below the rank of Sergeant. I was 57 years old in March and spent my birthday shooting ninety M.M. shells from an ack ack gun at the Krauts. Evidently, they did not appreciate it, for the dirty so and so's dropped a couple of 500 lb. bombs on my battery. Luckily, I was not hurt badly -- just a few shrapnel fragments in wrist, eyes and legs. I have been out of the hospital since April and am now OK.

Thanking all of you for the smokes for myself and all the boys who got them, I am very sincerely yours,

T-5 Bob Schneider

V-Mail from the Air Force

July 27, 1944

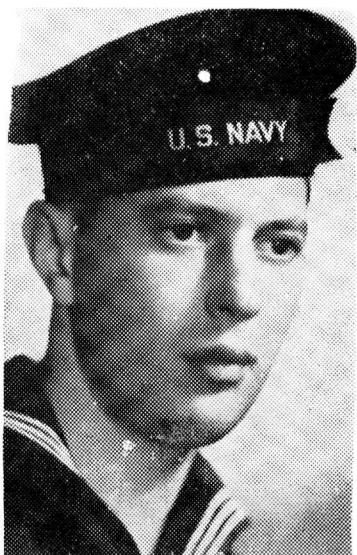
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Just a brief note from a fellow American who enjoyed the thought and the actual gift that you people have made available to the boys in the service.

I am presently engaged in a westward trip to the usual destination and know that your thought is deeply appreciated by all who have participated in your kindness. The combined thanks of all aboard this conveyance.

Most sincerely,
Chas. H. Shuff

★ ★ In Memoriam ★ ★



Seymour B. Gitelson

Buried at Sea
Missing in Action Since July 14

Aviation Ordnance Man, Second Class, Seymour B. Gitelson who was reported missing in action since July 14, has now been officially reported as killed in action and his body buried at sea with full military honors according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gitelson. No de-

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Robert D. Dame

Killed in Action in France
Veteran of Italian Campaign

Pvt. Robert D. Dame, 27, veteran of the Italian campaign, where he was wounded twice while fighting at the Anzio beachhead and holder of the Purple Heart medal, has been killed in action in France, according to a telegram received by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Dame, from the War Depart-

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* Terrible Cost of Victory Overshadows Temptation to Relax As Armies Advance

KEEP ON KEEPING ON!

As each issue of the LOG carries the story of the death of another, and yet another Sprague employee in the service of his country, the solemnity of approaching V-Day is brought home. It can not come too soon; yet come it must and will. But let us not imagine that the hard days for our boys are over. If the end comes overnight, we shall all thank God in our own way. But our military men caution against too much optimism.

As these lines are written, our First and Third Armies may be surging into Germany . . . V-Day may already be in the making. We must not let down before our military commanders tell us we can. This has been -- and still is -- TOTAL WAR.

Everett Dickinson Addresses Log Staff

Former North Adams Man Guest Speaker

The Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel was the scene of an interesting meeting of reporters, editors and guests of the Sprague Log last Thursday, September 7th at 8 o'clock. Editor Ed. Whitten opened the meeting with a brief review of the Log's history, some of its objectives and restated its purpose: to remain as nearly as possible, a bulletin and recorder of personal and department news and events, as well as of facts and news of the Company's progress and its products, without going into subjects which could be controversial.

After complimenting and thanking all reporters and editors, Editor Whitten invited them to make suggestions at any time for improvement of the Log. After introducing several guests, he presented Mr. Everett M. Dickinson, President of the Rand Press of Boston. Mr. Dickinson spoke on the topic "Impressions of a Printer." It is interesting to note that Mr. Dickinson grew up in North Adams as a boy, later living in Boston and Harvard, Mass. His talk was well received by the editors and reporters who plied him with questions, both during and after the meeting.

Following the talk, came a brief business meeting, during which Honorable Mention and Distinguished Service awards were made to a number of the Log staff by Evelyn Fairchild, associate Editor. Music and group singing led by Larry Madison preceded the serving of delicious refreshments. At the meeting several committees were named to consider important matters that were brought up, and a committee was appointed for the second Annual Banquet next January.

Radio Log Now Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Beginning with Labor Day, the Sprague Radio Log made its official bow in a three-times-a-week series of broadcasts,--every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 5:15 P.M. Each broadcast is distinctive. The Monday broadcast features Mr. Madison in "Music and News"; the Wednesday program, the Sprague Radio Chorus and a male octet in "the Sprague Musical Log;" while the Friday program features talent throughout the plants in a program called "Sprague on Parade."

Chorus Well Received

The Wednesday, September 6th program was well attended and the songs of the chorus and octet were enthusiastically received and warmly applauded. The choral feature was "My Hero" from the Chocolate Soldier, the octet sang "Southern Melodies" and Charlotte Lasher favored with a solo "L'Amour-Toujours-L'Amour." A short talk was given by Larry Haskins.



Sgt. Arthur Theberge, serving in S. Pacific, and formerly of Block Annex. His mother is Mrs. Ann Farnum of Resistors.

NLRB FORMALLY CERTIFIES ICW-#2 AS BARGAINING AGENT

Certification of Representatives Issued in Washington August 29

The official certification of the result of the election conducted here on August 22 in accordance with the direction of the National Labor Relations Board of July 26, was issued in Washington on August 29. It briefly recorded that of approximately 2850 eligible voters, 2304 cast valid ballots,--911 for the U.E.-CIO; 1312 for the ICW-No. 2; and 81 for neither.

It was also stated that no objections had been filed by any of the parties within the time provided therefor. The full certification reads as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
In the Matter of
SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY
and
UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE
WORKERS OF AMERICA (CIO) Case No. 1-R-1864

CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

On August 22, 1944, an election was conducted in the above matter pursuant to the Board's direction of July 26, 1944 (57 N.L.R.B., No. 112) and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board. It appears from the Tally of Ballots that a collective bargaining representative has been selected, since of the approximately 2,850 eligible voters, 2,304 cast valid votes, of which 911 were for United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (C.I.O.), 1,312 for Independent Condenser Workers Union Number 2, 81 for neither, and the 48 challenged ballots are insufficient to affect the results of the election. No objections have been filed by any of the parties within the time provided therefor.

By virtue of and pursuant to the power vested in the Board by Section 9 (c) of the National Labor Relations Act, and pursuant to Article III, Sections 9 and 10, of the Board's Rules and Regulations -- Series 3, as amended,

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that Independent Condenser Workers Union Number 2 has been designated and selected by a majority of all employees at the North Adams, Massachusetts, plants of Sprague Electric Company, including watchmen and sample department employees, but excluding engineering department employees, laboratory department employees, office and clerical employees, executives, foremen, assistant foremen, and all other supervisory employees with authority to hire, promote, discharge, discipline, or otherwise effect changes in the status of employees or effectively recommend such action, as their representative for the purposes of collective bargaining, and that, pursuant to Section 9 (a) of the Act, the said organization is the exclusive representative of all such employees for the purposes of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment.

Dated, Washington, D. C., this 29 day of August 1944.

By direction of the Board:

Jack Mantel

Acting Chief, Order Section

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"Of the Employees,-by the Employees,-for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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STILL -- TOTAL WAR

Our military commanders caution us against overoptimism of approaching V-Day. This has been, -- still is -- TOTAL WAR. We are ALL in it -- no matter what our job, we must keep on -- KEEPING ON . . . fight to the end . . . when unconditional surrender will bring the final defeat of Germany . . . and Japan! Remember our Gold Star boys -- as you do YOUR part for VICTORY.

ROBERT D. DAME

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ment.

Pvt. Dame, who was employed as a supervisor at the Sprague Electric Company before he entered the service in September, 1943, attended Drury High school, and received training at Camp Croft, S. C., prior to going overseas. He was a member of an infantry battalion, and until recently had served in Italy.

Last month, his wife was notified that he had been awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds received at the Anzio beachhead, while the 15th of last month she received a letter stating that he was to be transferred to France. It was on this date, that the War department listed Pvt. Dame as being killed in France.

Besides his wife, he leaves his daughter, Sandra; his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Archambault of Bathub Can Preparation department, now on leave of absence, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Smith of Williamstown. Robert last saw his daughter when she was 8 months old.

The entire Sprague organization extend heartfelt sympathy to the family. Robert Dame was respected and admired by all who came in contact with him.

SEYMOUR B. GITELSON

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tails of the action in which Seymour lost his life were given in the brief telegram.

Petty Officer Gitelson was graduated from Drury high school in the class of 1940 and served as assistant manager of the football team in 1939. He was born here May 22, 1921, and after being graduated from Drury attended a National Youth Administration trade school. He was employed in the Resistor Dept. at Sprague's before he joined the Navy on Nov. 17, 1942.

Besides his parents, Seymour had a brother Sgt. Jess serving in the army in France. It is with deep regret that his many friends learn of the death of this fine young man, who made the supreme sacrifice for his country. The Sprague organization extends deep sympathy to his family.

Sprague Members on V-Day Committees

Plans for the local V-Day observance are under the chairmanship of Amos Carey, production manager of Sprague Electric, while Wallace Young of Production Engineering is serving on the parade committee. All committees have expressed the desire that the North Adams observance shall be dignified and practical.

★ ★ ★ NEWS ABOUT THEM ★ ★ ★

THREE CAPTAINS IN ONE FAMILY



Capt. Pat Cioffi the possessor of several citations, two of which were received from General MacArthur. Pat is an Engineer in the U. S. Army and husband of Carmella of Beaver Laboratory.



Capt. Ernest Lepera, Ordnance Officer, stationed in Maryland. He is the brother of "Carm" Cioffi and "Bea" Faustini.



Capt. Dominick F. Lepera, Finance Officer at Brisbane, Australia. Possesses two gold stars for action in the South Pacific. He is the brother of Carmella Cioffi of the Laboratory and Beatrice Faustini of Western Electric.

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Receives Citation

Seaman George Coody, who was given a presidential citation as a member of the navy crew which rescued 436 survivors of the USS Helena sunk in the battle of Kula Gulf, has just sent a picture of the presentation to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Coody. His sister, Mary, entered the WAVES August 24th.



Flight Officer, Alfred Hurley, stationed at Monroe, La., is the brother of Joan of the Training Center, Marshall Street.

August 27, 1944

Dear Jack:

Just a few lines to let you know I received a check for \$10.00, and I want to express my greatest appreciation, I still can't figure out what it was for, but I assure you it will go to a good cause. I also want to thank Sprague's for sending me the Log regularly. It brings me so much closer to home.

You will see by my change of address that I am aboard the Sub U.S.S. Tarpon. Here's hoping that Sprague's will maintain the high standard of production in the future that they have in the past.

I remain,

John H. Gifford, S 1-c

Linwood Morse Wounded

Word has been received by the War Department that Linwood Morse was seriously wounded in action on July 17th. The last letter received from him, he had been in the battle for Saipan. Linwood formerly worked in the Impregnating Department at Brown Street, and his father is a Guard at Brown Street.

Allan McPherson Cited In England

Technician 4-c Allan McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter has been cited for meritorious service. The citation reads in part:

Tech. 4 Allan B. McPherson, for meritorious service as guide, troop movement section, 12th replacement Depot from 17, April 1944 to 12 August, 1944 in support of operational activity against the enemy . . . has performed in an outstanding manner his duties as guide in movements of large numbers of troops arriving and departing from the depot. He is capable of quick thinking and displayed excellent judgment in the handling of many difficulties arising from the movements of thousands of replacements.

Rita Murdock of Industrial Oils reports that her husband Raymond, has been promoted from private 1st class to staff sergeant in France.



Andrew Gigliotti, Jr., bombardier, wins his wings at Tyndall Field. Formerly worked in the Machine Shop; his father Andrew is employed at Brown Street plant.

Millard "Best Man"

Acquaintances of Corp. Francis Millard, well known local wrestler, are pleased to learn that he is mat coach at Cherry Pt., N. C. His buddies claim he is the "best man in the world, pound for pound." It seems he took on several crack judo instructors of the outfit at Cherry Point. They were overwhelmingly outclassed and the result -- they enrolled in Millard's wrestling class to improve their technique!

NEWS ABOUT THEM

Mrs. Phyllis Lemoine has been sworn into the WAVES and takes up her work at Hunter College, N.Y. Phyllis is a former member of Tubular Assembly. Her husband, Sgt. Technician Roger Lemoine is with a Signal Corps unit in England.

WAVE Doris Lauzon, formerly of Mica Department has been promoted from Seaman first class, to aviation machinist's mate, third class, at Pensacola, Fla.

Pvt. Ralph Prince is enrolled in a technical school for training radio mechanics at Truax Field, Madison, Wisc. He was formerly in Vit. Q. department.

Agnes Harrison, WAC, formerly of the office has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. She was also awarded the good conduct medal some time ago.

Pfc. Janet Gregalis has completed her basic training in the WAC's at Ft. Oglethorpe and assigned to recruiting at Savannah, Ga.

Pfc. Emma Blair, home on furlough, has been assigned to duty in Tennessee. She spoke over the Sprague radio program of Sept. 4th.



Pvt. Anthony DeMarco, former Brown Street guard, now somewhere in Italy. He is the brother of John, and Carmen of the Beaver Street plant.

Receives Purple Heart Oak Leaf Cluster

Pfc. Henry Shartrand, son of Ed. Shartrand, Sr. of Plating Dept., has been spending a few days furlough at home. Henry has been in service for three years, two of which were spent overseas. He was wounded at Cherbourg, France and received the Purple Heart and also the Oak Leaf Cluster. He will return to the England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J.

Marshall Music

Welcome to the tall, handsome ex-sailor now holding forth at the Cancellation Dept. It is said that girls forget their work, when he walks up to the Beaver department on his early morning visits to "Pop" Barrows. We have learned that his name is Ernest McCabe, and hails from Gulfport, Miss. and he was formerly on a submarine chaser in the Atlantic Ocean.



Ernest McCabe -- Ex-serviceman.

Selkar Department

By Rose Pasotti

A delicious supper was served at Florini's for Philomena Smachetti who is taking a leave of absence. Rose Pasotti presided as hostess; speeches were given by "Gina" Cellana and "Georgy" Guisti. The guest of honor was presented with a beautiful corsage. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had.

Rosie's blackout flower had a chance to shine the night we all had to walk home from Adams. Marion swears she lost at least two pounds. All we heard was -- SORE FEET!

Thelma, you certainly send some corking cards from New York. No wonder you had to come back -- but we're glad you had such a good time. "Ceil" Rich is enjoying her vacation.

William Rydholm has just returned from a trip to Virginia.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Miss June Lahue to Mr. Joseph Roberts is announced. The wedding will occur in January. June works in Mica Preparation department.

MARRIAGES

Roma Adams became the bride of Andrew Rungay on August 26th. Roma is a member of the Resistor Navy Line.

Ruth Bissailon became the bride of Roderick Blue on September 2nd, at Notre Dame rectory. Ruth is employed in the Personnel Department.

BIRTHS

A daughter, August 13th to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Both John and Loretta work in the Industrial Oil department.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Trumble are the parents of a daughter, born August 24th. Ella is in the Resistor department.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Brooks are parents of a daughter, born September 1st. Dr. Brooks is Research Engineer.

Insignia From Captured Germans



Block Test Hold Farewell Party on Radio

For the last broadcast of the old series of the Sprague Radio Log, the Block Test Department held a party over the air to honor Arlene Chalifoux who leaves soon to join the WACs. With the one exception of Sydney Richardson who sang with Larry Madison, the entire show was put on by Block Test workers. Helen Lesure and Barbara King gave several excellent duets; Frank Manns, superintendent of the Department acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing Arlene Chalifoux and ex-servicemen Harry Arbour and Harry Carpenter who are now working in the department. Emily Koczela was Hostess-of-the-Day. Block Test said the party was a big success!

Beaver News

BLOCK ANNEX

By E. Perrault and P. Marlowe

Sorry to hear Yvonne Jamras is leaving us. We will miss you!

Yvonne Perras had a wonderful vacation -- her husband Pvt. David was home on furlough. We hope it won't be long before he can be home for good!

Welcome to Hazel Martel, back after an extended vacation in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. She says it is a beautiful country -- but hot!

We wish Millie Wager a speedy recovery.

What I Like About Block Annex:—The way Charlie smiles -- even if I punch in late... Bobby Leveque's shenanigans... Inez Tatro's tininess... May Lash's dancing... Doris Cole's giggles... Katherine Scott's dimples -- and her son... George Mulcahy's popularity... Melva Heelan's beautiful wardrobe... Oujii Boards, except that they can be so alarming... Dungaries and plaid shirts... Grace Francis' sweetness... Junior Rennell's neatness.

New Talent on the Air

In "Sprague on Parade" the theme of the Friday broadcasts, new talent will be presented from the Marshall, Beaver and Brown Street plants. The September 8th program was turned over to Berny Bullett and Kenny Russell, our two live-wire reporters in sports. Jim Heideman of the Networks Laboratory entertained with several novelty numbers on his Hawaiian guitar. Kit Carson officiated as guest Master of Ceremonies. Also "Mo" and "Sam" were present with their lazy dialect. This program promises to be a popular and versatile one.



Gary Grogan, 8 year old son of Bill of Shipping, and Aurilla, of Paper Rolling. Young Gary won fourth place in the Saddle Pony class for good horsemanship.

Sample Lab

By The Shadow

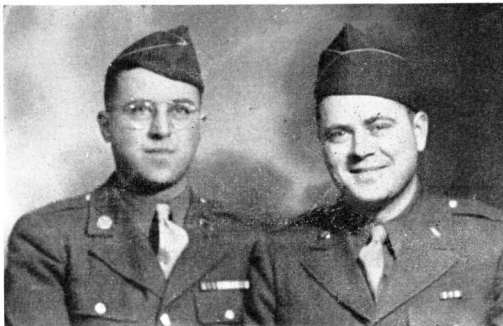
Ros. Martin has left the Lab to return to her studies at Smith College.

Anne Colbert is leaving to attend college at Our Lady of the Elms.

Billy Blay has returned after spending a week's vacation on a farm in Pownall County. (Hope the hayseeds are out of your hair.)

Dot Martin and Isabelle Brundige recently spent the week end in New York City, visiting their husbands.

Bob G.--don't you know the middle of Main Street is no place to park to visit? How about parking in the right place and quit holding up traffic.



Pfc. Henry Shartrand has seen three years of service; Pfc. Edw. Shartrand who has been in service two years, is now in France. Sons of Edw. Shartrand Sr. of Plating Department.

Margaret Viall Feted

A greenback shower was held for Margaret Gorman Viall, married August 26th to Corp. Mathew Viall. Those at the shower were Julia and Amelia Tash, Florence Moreau, Marjorie Richer, Madeline Roulier, Mae Tash, Rita White, Margaret and Millie Deam, Agnes O'Grady, Evelyn Murphy, Rose Blair, Rita DiSanti and Eunice Timothy. Games and dancing were enjoyed and a lunch was served.

Picnic Farewell Party

A picnic party was held back of the Plant in honor of Rita DiSanti who leaves us to work in Springfield. She was presented with a purse of money. We wish Rita the best of luck in her new work. And what we want to know -- how are the girls going to get along without her French braids!

Factory Engineering

By "Edie" Lee

John Tolmie has returned from a week's vacation and is "Bucky" B. glad! Now "Bucky" can resume his hobby of conserving shoe leather because John is here to deliver the mail. *What would happen if:*

Henry didn't have a cigar to smoke? Milton didn't have his camp on the trail to retreat to.

"Andy" lost her sparkling smiles? John ever forgot to punch his card?

Roger didn't have a party to go to? "Bucky" didn't have sports on his mind?

Ralph made out his time slip on a Monday just once?

Harold didn't always have a funny story to tell us?

Doris ever got lost in the plant?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Owners of Records

Records owned by Sprague employees which have been brought in from time to time are now in the Employment Office. Should you desire these records back please call for them at the Employment Office not LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15th. Unclaimed ones will be sent to the Armed Forces after that date.

Block Test

By Barbara King

All of us had a swell time with our radio program on August 29th. It was difficult holding in the laughter when Harry Arbour pulled a boner in his speech and said he "pursued" Miss Chalifoux, instead of "persuaded". It was fun being on the program and we want to thank Larry Madison for letting us do it.

A get-together" supper was held at the home of Mrs. Alice Allard, August 23rd. And Oh! What a delicious supper! Everyone had a good time, and the entertainment was especially well liked. Rita Allard and Helen Lesure sang several solos; Mary Garner favored us with a Scotch jig. Mrs. Allard being her partner. Those attending were Frances Solari, Bertha Jennings, Angelina Carlton, Grace Collins, Theresa Tassone, Helen Lesure, Rita Allard, Mary Garner, Mary Sorel, Josephine DePaoli, Theresa Briggs, Imogene McNulty and Yours Truly.

A farewell party in the form of a "steak fry" was held Sept. 2nd for Mary Roberts at her home on Wheeler Avenue. Mary is soon to go to trade school to be a seamstress. Good luck, Mary -- we'll miss you!

Dry Test

By Marie Sherry

We shall miss Claire, Anna and Jean, now that they have returned to school.

We wonder how "Rabbit" Remillard is doing on his carrot diet.

Hang on to your toe, Esther -- meat is rationed.

Hazel Russell is spending a week's vacation in Boston; Anna Pessolano has just returned from her week's vacation in Boston; Marion Collings is doing the Hot Spots in Troy and Albany; Lucien Siciliano spent his at home; Isabelle Mazinski and Loretta Robinson spent their vacations at High Gates, Vt.

Who is the new sweater girl on the Assembly Line? How about it, Sil C.

We wish Claire Sherry many happy returns on the day of her seventeenth birthday.

Ellen Lambert spent the week end in New York. How about letting us in on what you did, Ellen, while there?

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

Happy birthday to Mary Jane, and thanks for that delicious piece of cake. We really mean many happy returns of the day--often--if there are refreshments, too!

And a happy birthday also to Ernie Purpura who celebrated that occasion at a corn roast--there were chicken, corn and cake--but especially corn, Ernie says.

Jeanette Denno and Rita Slade have returned from their vacations, which they spent at home.

Bill Kirby played his first engagement as a drummer last Saturday--taking Pee Wee Moreau's place at the Moose Club.

Rita Slade, Rita Bishop, Emma Underwood and Clara Miller spent a hilarious week end on a visit to New York recently. Of the shows they saw, they liked "Follow the Girls" best. Such a good time was had, they hope to go together next year.



Corp. Wilfred Shartrand, with combat engineers in France. Has been in service 18 months. Son of Edward of Plating.

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

Naomi Michalek has left us to teach in Lancaster, Mass., while Dick Martin leaves to attend Northwestern University.

Our Department seems to have quite a number of students: Verne Bass, Peggy O'Haggerty, among them, who leave to study at N. A. State College. Hope you will be with us next summer.

Jesse Wronski celebrated her birthday August 25th. Many Happy returns of the day!

Robert Sprague has been transferred from our laboratory to the Personnel Dept.

The girls in the laboratory cannot understand why such a big fellow as Harry Derosia has to use so much strength behind the hammer! Take it easy, Harry.

Jeanette Boucher stays close to her home for vacation, with short visits to Cheshire and Pittsfield.

Adolph Heideman spends his vacation in New York City.

Plating Department

By Jane Dawson

Art Roy spent the week end in Boston. Art is a great baseball fan. How were the games, Art?

The Department was recently visited by Tommy Perras. Tommy worked in Plating before enlisting in the Navy.

Nick Sanzi is spending the week in New Jersey.

Dan is back on the job after spending a week fishing at Champlain.

Ben Martin took his vacation--and being patriotic, did no traveling. You are the first person returning from a vacation all rested up, Ben!

What happened to the experiment, Lucy and Zig--Did it boil over on you?

Birthday wishes go to Nellie Drobiak. She is just twenty, and I bet she still knows what it is like to get a birthday spanking, eh, Nellie?

PAPER ROLLING

By A. O'Brien and M. Lamberti

The Misses Virginia Piaggi and Margaret Lamberti are spending their vacation at a North Woods Dude Ranch. Can't say which are to be pitied most--the horses or the girls!

Alyce O'Brien spent her vacation in Boston; Libby Richards spent hers at Readsboro, getting a much needed rest; Helen Diesz is also having her vacation this week.

Shirley Burns is back with us again. Glad to have you, Shirley!

NIGHT SHIFT

Constance Davis has returned after a month's leave of absence. She has been taking care of her mother, who is ill at Newport, N. H.

School bells are ringing for R. Atwood and M. LaPine.

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell



SPRAGUE ELECTRIC PLAYERS

Softball Team: Macomber, Hinkle, T. Bergeron, Arrighini, A. Bergeron, Garner, Ferris, Hart, Zannetti, Russell, DiLorenzo, Scarbo, and Coach Fawcett.

1944 All State vs. Corner Cafe

By Walt Carpenter

Last Sunday afternoon at Noel Field, the All-Stars of 1944 and the Corner Cafe put on a twin bill of softball, attended by a crowd of 250 fans. The games were a benefit for "Topsy" O'Neil, well-known softball twirler who was injured in the second half of the Northern Berkshire Softball League schedule. The two games were well played and closely contested; and in your sports writer's opinion, were the "tops" in softball competition this season.

The opening game started at 2:00 P.M. Batteries for the tilt were: Art Southgate and D. Daube for the All-Star, Pete Denno and Arne King for the Corner's. The All-Star scored four runs in the second inning and were out in front all the way. The Corner team rallied in the sixth, but were only able to push across three tallies. The final score of the first game was 7-4, in All-Star's favor.

The feature players in this game were B. Bohl, T. O'Neil and H. Gamari for the Corner Cafe, while P. Magnifico and E. Keller were the victor's stand-ards.

The second game was more closely played with batteries: "Butch" Kolis and "Cas" Saliz for the All-Star; "Gook" Benoit and "Bob" Garner for the Corner Cafe. Both pitchers were in top form. It was a pitcher's battle all through the game. It was swell to see old "Gook" back in the softball lineup once more. The All-Stars scored one run in the second inning to go out ahead, but the Corner team came back with a run in the 3rd inning to tie the game. The next three and a half innings were scoreless. Smart, clean fielding, coupled with good pitching kept the fans on edge until the first of the seventh when Corner team scored in for their turn at bat, determined to gain. Vigna led off with a walk and was pushed around to third on a single by Bozek. Ash Flood was put in as a pinch hitter and the Corners decided to load the bases by giving Flood a free

ticket. Cal Gigliotti came to bat with the bases loaded and singled over third to score two men.

The feature players of the contest were Bohl and Bullett for the Corners, and Swistak, Gigliotti and Girardi for the All-Stars.

Those missed at their old positions on the Corner Cafe team, now in the service are: Ray Bergeron, Flash Estes, Bill O'Neil, Bruno Malnatti, Johnny Ariazzi, Chuck Klein, Mink Merlini, Boy Champagne, Al Chalifoux and Gene Chalifoux. They might have changed the game around, I am sure, when the 1941 Corner Cafe team was tops.

Softball Notes:

President Bernard R. Bullett of the Northern Berkshire Softball League has announced that the annual banquet will take place immediately following the playoffs at a place to be announced later.

In the next issue of the *Log*, an all star team representing the respective coaches' choices will be presented. All coaches are asked to send their selection to Walter Carpenter, head of the *Log's* Sporting Staff.

By Ken Russell

The North Adams ball team, after idling for a week, played its first opponent in the K. of C. Tournament at Holyoke. The Westover Bombers were the opposition and the local team came through to take a well-earned victory by the score of 6-3. Tempers ran high throughout the tilt and broke out in the 8th when Keller, the North Adams pitcher was ejected. Manson led the team with three bingles. The team will now play in the semi-finals, their opponent is as yet unknown.

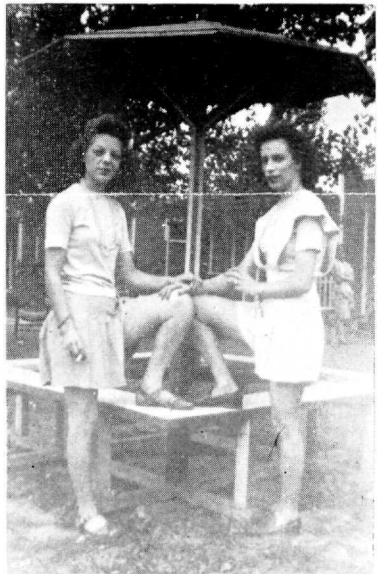
The Major Leagues are now playing their last four weeks of ball. The National League race is just about settled as the Cardinals coast in. But in the American League the race is among four teams with the pennant in easy reach for any one of them.

OUR DEPARTMENT

By Victoria Doran

Of all the girls who come here —
Each one brings some kind of cheer.
First, there is Rose
The girl who can pose.
With her is Gloria
With her little pug nose.
Oh Connie, the girl with the glamour
She strips the men of their "amour".
Then there's Evelyn, the girl on a diet
Her co-worker, Blanche, won't even try it!
Louise, the lady that brings many sur-
prises,
A pillow, a doll and hats of many sizes!
Joan, so sweet and neat —
Gert, the girl that can't be beat —
Eileen, so shy, never with much to say —
But her side kick does, her name is Kay.
Jane, Jane, what a dame!
The mere mention of Bill gives her a thrill.

Then there's Anita,
She makes one think of a Spanish Senorita.
Helen's eyes dance—and put you in a trance
Alice, your laughter in the room chases away gloom.
Kay M., whatever work there is to be done,
Shd does it on the run.
Jennie Sherman is our new addition,
Ann Swenson, she is winsome,
Inez's married life is her new ambition.
Mrs. Coody,—the lady who is never snooty.
Mrs. Edison, who is always on time
Her friend, Helen H., we all like fine
Roma Adams, we all know
Has a diamond that sparkles like snow.
Our Supervisor, Mr. Wright,
We girls think he's all right!



Ida Grenier and Helen Abbott of Bathtub Assembly.

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

Helen, we understand you prefer cold turkey to hot. Some times it is better.

We miss one inspector on our table, Joan, we hope you come back soon.

Clam bakes are fun, aren't they, Ann? Diets don't matter then. We found that out.

V-Mail to Louis Cronin of Industrial Oils

Hi Louie:

How is everything back there? Hope you are working hard so all us boys can come back home again. I am in France—it is pretty tough out here. Say "hello" to everybody for me, won't you. How are all the girls—Velma, Mrs. Mahoney and all the rest. Tell some of them to write to me. I haven't much time, since I have so much to do. If I do receive a letter, I'll write as soon as I can. . . Can I have my job back when I come home? Send me some pictures of the girls I know in the Plant.

So long, love,
Joe Rosse

Mica Department

By Theresa Bushika

Out of the 401 employees in the Mica Dept., why did the bird pick on Eleanor Lally?

Why does Margie (Whipple) Blair beam so much, since her honeymoon at Lake George? Why?

We all wish you a speedy recovery, Alice O'Malley and a quick return!

Eleanor Rhodes spent her vacation at Hampton Beach, with Gloria Chietini, Dot Shepard, Jerry Rhodes and Arlene Chalifoux. Eleanor now is wearing a pair of Silver Wings. What wings?

Beatrice Garrison spent her vacation at her sister's ranch in Kansas and was sent back the third day, because she couldn't sit. It's not what you think, either!

Joe O'Connell, Franny Moreau, Jinny Brown spent their vacations in Atlantic City, N. J.; Yvonne St. Pierre is spending hers at Far Rockaway Beach, N. Y., and having a wonderful time with the sailors and all.

The time has come when Ann McMahon and Peg Montgomery are to leave, and we sure will miss them.

Mica Prep. Department

By Rita Johnson

Deepest sympathy to Doretta Blanchard whose daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Goodrich, recently passed away.

Virginia Lombardi has been enjoying a week's vacation in Brooklyn, New York.

Julia Dumoulin has returned to her work, following a short leave of absence.

Bob Mann is enjoying a vacation from his duties; Rita Johnson has returned to her work, following a week's vacation; and Marie Merritt has returned from a vacation at Lake Champlain.

Viola Maruco has returned from a vacation in Virginia.

Millie Jones is having a vacation away from gauging.

Mary Eldred and Gertrude Markland celebrated their birthdays recently and were presented with gifts and cards by the girls of the Spark Test.

Emily McCullen spent the past week in Boston.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blair and attendants. Marjorie Whipple became Mrs. Richard Blair on July 15th. Her sister, Eleanor Zagorski of Bathtub Assembly was bridesmaid, and best man was Jerry Varuzzo.

Resistor Navy Line

By Bertha Salavantis

Evelyn Domin enjoyed her vacation resting at home.

Dorothy Belanger spent her vacation entertaining a certain young sailor. We don't blame you, Dot. P.S. She spent the week end in Stamford, Vt.

Dorothy Wells is back to work after a month's leave of absence, to be with her son, home on furlough.

We hear Francis Falvey sometimes goes by the name of Jr. How about it, Fran?

Art Bissailon, who has never been tardy or absent in 13 months, is spending vacation at home. We think Art deserved a rest!

Ann McEwan is back at work after a week's vacation.

Casey Goes to the Big Town

When Mathew Brady ("Casey" to his friends) arrived in Boston, where he spent his vacation, he was met by a delegation of the "B.S." Club. As the train pulled into the station, the band played "Casey's" favorite number, "I Had a Hat When I Came In." When "Casey" stepped off the train, his fellow "Club" members cheered him, then marched to the Boston Common, where "Casey" gave a speech on the care and operation of elevators. He was convoyed by a special detail of motorcycle patrolmen to his former home in Brighton, where friends turned out en masse to honor him.

The following day was spent fishing in the briny deep, where exceptional luck was had by "Casey". He landed a 300 pound tuna after a brief struggle. Thus began the most hectic week "Casey" ever had. If you would like to hear more about it, have "Casey" tell you the rest. It's a long, long story.

Brown Street Briefs

Misses Theresa Bushika, Mary Mesier, Mary Musk and Toni Lavigne spent their vacations in Atlantic City.

Dickie Turner spent his chopping wood, (small wood).

Jake Laflamme spent his watching the crowds go by on Broadway.

Tony Marino came back from Maine with the pay-off on fish stories, but it isn't a fish. It's a rock that can be bent!

Humphrey Krum spent his vacation at Stockbridge Bowl. He thought it was a place to go fishing! !

Toni Lavigne is recuperating this week from a four weeks' vacation.

Mary DiLego has returned from visiting her son in Madison, Wisconsin. He is a cadet out there.

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WANTED: A solution on how to put an end to those heated arguments in the Men's Room between Lyle Mutart and Ed Coulter.

Mickey Valotta's dentist told him to keep rinsing his mouth with salt water, so he went to Hampton Beach. Orders taken for Mocha Sundaes: Jake Laflamme.

When President Roosevelt was picking secretaries, he overlooked "Tillie". When it comes to looks and efficiency, she can't be beat.

Bathing Beauties for Boys Overseas



Edith Dean of Bathtub Assembly



Geraldine Girard of Bathtub Assembly.



Elaine Goodrich poses for her picture.